From: Darrel Thompson

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 2:43 PM

To: 'Jordan, Aaron' < Aaron. Jordan@mail.house.gov>; Lafargue, Sophia

<Sophia.Lafargue@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Darrel Thompson Calling / Bermuda / Foreign Travel

Good afternoon Aaron and Sophia; I hope this message finds you well. I am following up on my earlier note regarding my colleagues in Bermuda and the recent announcement from Governor Cuomo related to foreign travelers to New York. "Gov. Cuomo announced that international travelers coming from what are considered Level 2 and 3 countries will have to quarantine and fill out a travel form when they arrive in New York."

While the Center for Disease Control (CDC) list Bermuda as a Level 2 country, the Government of Bermuda is contacting officials at the CDC to inform them that Bermuda's seven-day positivity rate is one, and its positivity rate is 0.1%. They are also sharing this information with the Governor's Office.

Can we have a brief conversation to discuss these developments and the article below and attached.

https://abc7ny.com/health/travelers-to-ny-from-all-but-these-31-contries-must-quarantine/6630698/

NEW YORK (WABC) -- Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that international travelers coming from what are considered Level 2 and 3 countries will have to quarantine and fill out a travel form when they arrive in New York.

Cuomo signed the executive order Monday in response to the CDC's decision to roll back screening measures at airports amid rising COVID-19 cases across the world.

Health officials say the measure is necessary for contact tracing purposes.

RELATED | Coronavirus Update: List of states added to Tri-State Travel Advisory quarantine list

"The CDC's decision to end enhanced screening at airports, coupled with alarming case increases in countries around the world, presents an increased threat to New York's progress in the war against COVID-19," Governor Cuomo said. "Today's Executive Order will require the Department of Health to alert all travelers from any Level 2 or Level 3 country of mandatory quarantine requirements, as well as require international travelers to complete the DOH Traveler Health Form to aid in the state's robust contact tracing efforts and further prevent the spread of COVID-19."

The executive order builds on the <u>domestic COVID-19 Travel Advisory already in place</u> for states that have a significant degree of community-wide spread of coronavirus.

The 31 countries not subject to the governor's executive order and mandatory quarantine requirement are listed below:

American Samoa

Anguilla

Bonaire

Brunei

Cambodia

Cayman Islands

Dominica

Falkland Islands

Fiii

Guernsey

Greenland

Grenada

Isle of Man

Laos

Macau SAR

Marshall Islands

Mauritius

Micronesia

Montserrat

New Caledonia

New Zealand

Palau

Saba

Saint Barthelemy

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Sint Eustatius

Taiwan

Thailand

Timor-Leste

State health officials say the quarantine applies to any person arriving from an area with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents over a 7-day rolling average or an area with a 10 percent or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average.

These materials are distributed by the GROUP DC, LLC on behalf of the Government of Bermuda, and additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Darrel Thompson
Partner
theGROUP
1730 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20006
202-386-7282 ext. 118
202-557-9388 cell